has been acquired by the Oil India Limited for its own purpose and they have been evicted;

(b) what was the compensatory value of land per bigha which was given by the OIL previously and what value is being given to them now;

(c) whether OIL is agreeable to give employment to some evicted people on compensatory grounds; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Agricultural lands are acquired by Oil India Ltd. (OIL) for exploration purposes in Assam either by private negotiations with the owners or under the relevant acts and regulations. No eviction cases have been registered so far.

(b) The land value is being determined by taking into account the average value of the sale deeds of land, in the area of acquisition, over the last 3 years. The value of standing crops on the land acquired is worked out on the basis of information maintained by the State authorities.

(c) and (d) In addition to the land value and surface compensation for the land acquired, OIL has a policy of reservation of 40 per cent of unskilled jobs for the persons whose land has been acquired, subject to the fulfilment of necessary requirement standards.

Fulfilling the quota of SC|ST for petrol and diesel outlets

1554. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol and diesel outlets in the country;

(b) how many out of them have been allotted to persons belonging to Scheduled Caste|Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) what steps have been taken to fulfil the quota for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on 1.1.1989, 14313 Retail Outlet (Petrol/Diesel) dealerships were operating in the country;

(b) Out of the existing 14313 dealerships, 545 belong to persons belonging to SC category and 177 dealerships to persons belonging to ST category;

(c) In all the Annual Retail Outlets Marketing Plans of the oil industry from 1980-81 to 1987-88, it has been ensured that a reservation of 25 per cent for SC/STs is maintained on State-wise/Union Territory-wise basis.

LPG agents in the country belonging to SC|ST

1555. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of LPG agencies in the country at present;

(b) what is the number of LPG agencies belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to fill up the quota meant for SC|ST persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on 1-1-1989, 3456 LPG distributorships were operating in the country.

(b) Out of the existing 3456 distributorships, 408 belong to persons belonging to SC category and 148 distributorships to persons belonging to ST category.

(c) In all the Annual LPG Marketing Plans of oil industry from 1980-81 to 1988-89, it has been ensured that a reservation of 25 per cent for SC/STs is maintained on State-wise|Union Territory-wise basis.